

CONGRESSMAN ALLEN WEST TOWN HALL MEETING



MAY 2011

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CALENDAR

112th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

HOUSE CALENDAR

ERIC CANTOR MAJORITY LEADER

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- **Committee on Armed Services**
- **Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities**
- **Subcommittee on Military Personnel**

- **Committee on Small Business**
- **Subcommittee on Investigation, Oversight, and Regulations**
- **Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce**

MAJOR LEGISLATION

Budget Reduction

- HR 1213 Repeals Mandatory Spending from Obamacare re: awarding grants to states related to establishing state health insurance exchanges, YES (passed 238-183)
- HR 1214 Repeals funds for the purpose of providing grants to establish health centers in school-based settings, NO (passed 235-191)
- HR 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, YES (passed 251-175)

Economic Growth

- HR 1230 - Restarting American Offshore Leasing Act, YES (passed 264-149)

COSPONSOR OF LEGISLATION

- **Budget/Tax Reform**
- HR 421 Full Faith and Credit Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. McClintock
- HR XXX One Percent Spending Reduction Act of 2011
 - Sponsor: Rep. Mack
- HR 1671 Prevention of Unreasonable Fees Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Richardson
- HR 1002 Wireless Tax Fairness Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Lofgren
- HR XXX Relief for Consumers to Reduce Pain at the Pump
 - Sponsor: Rep. Latta

COSPONSOR OF LEGISLATION

National/International Security

- HR 740 Iran Transparency and Accountability Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Deutch
- HR XXX Pakistan Aid
 - Sponsor: Rep. Poe

Military

- HR 181 National Guardsman and Reservists Parity for Patriots Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Wilson
- HR 198 Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act
 - Sponsor: Rep. Grimm

SPONSOR OF LEGISLATION

Global Combat Zone Recognition Act, HR 1142

To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure the equitable treatment of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who are killed or wounded in an attack, occurring outside of a combat zone, that targeted the members or employees on account of their status as members of the Armed Forces or civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

Cosponsors:

Rep. Young, Bill (R-FL)

Rep. Ellmers, Renee (R-NC)

Rep. Griffin, Tim (R-AR)

Rep. Jackson-Lee, Shelia (D-TX)

Rep. Kissell, Larry (D-NC)

Rep. McMorris-Rogers, Cathy (R-WA)

Rep. Nugent, Richard (R-FL)

Rep. Ross, Dennis (R-FL)

Rep. Stivers, Steve (R-OH)

Rep. Westermoreland, Lynn (R-GA)

Rep. Myrick, Sue (R-NC)

SPONSOR OF LEGISLATION

Small Business Encouragement Act, HR 1663

- Provides work opportunity tax credit for small businesses hiring unemployed individuals.
- Small business employers with gross receipts < \$20 million, or < 100 full time employees receive tax credit for hiring unemployed individuals as full-time employees during 2012 and 2013.
- Doubles credit for employers who hire individuals from counties with high unemployment rates (> 10%)

Cosponsors:

Rep. Walsh, Joe (R-IL)

Rep. Richardson, Laura (D-CA)

Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-FL)

Rep. Blackburn, Marsha (R-TN)

Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)

Rep. Ross, Dennis (R-FL)

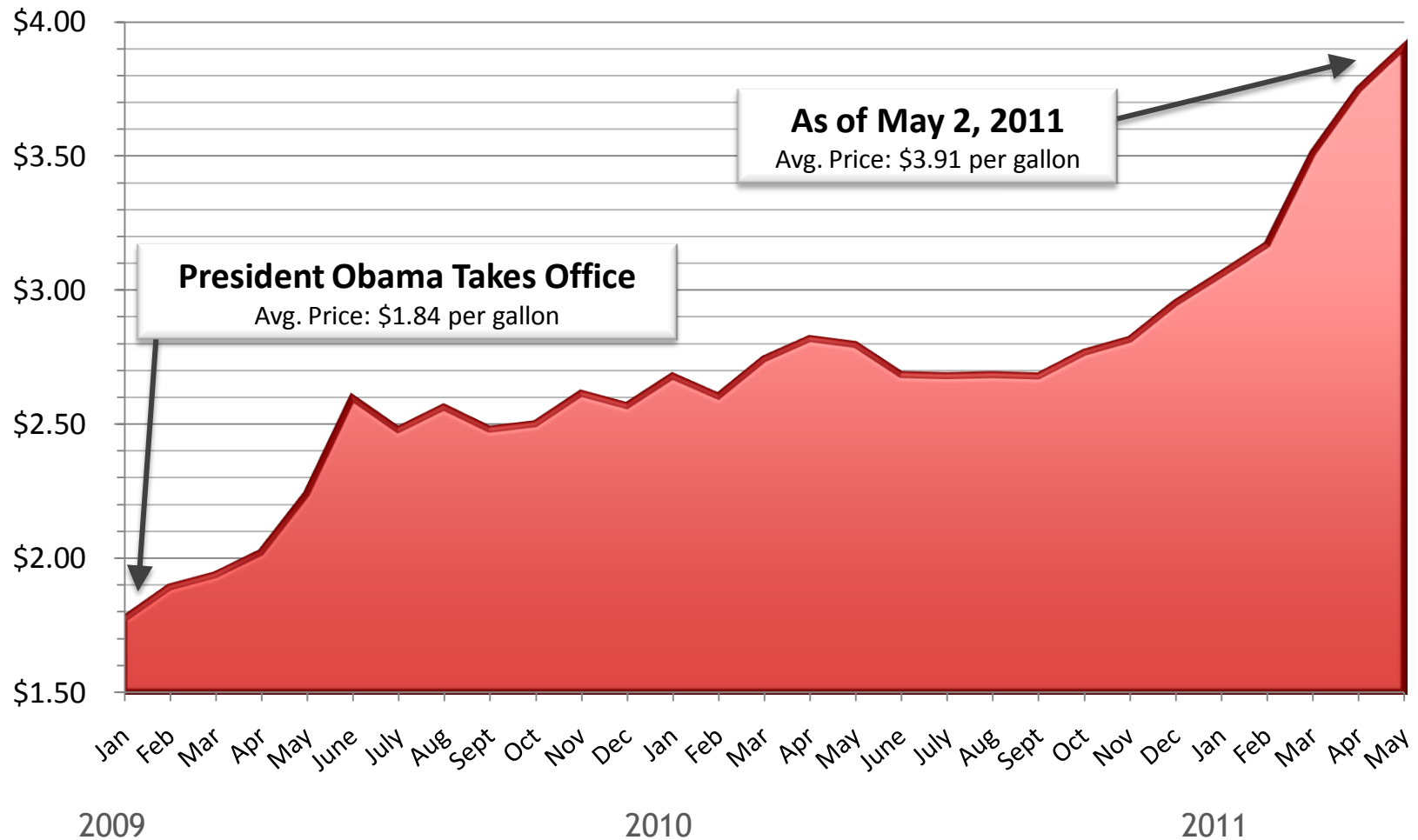
Rep. Young, Bill (R-FL)

Rep. Stivers, Steve (R-OH)

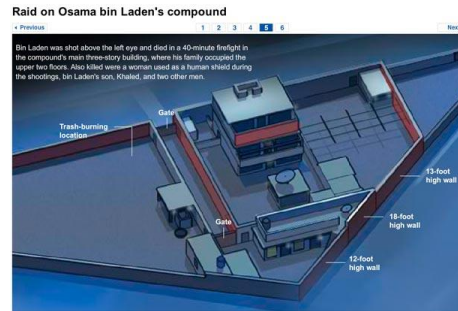
Rep. Clay, Lacy (D-MO)

Rep. Rigell, Scott (R-VA)

GAS PRICES



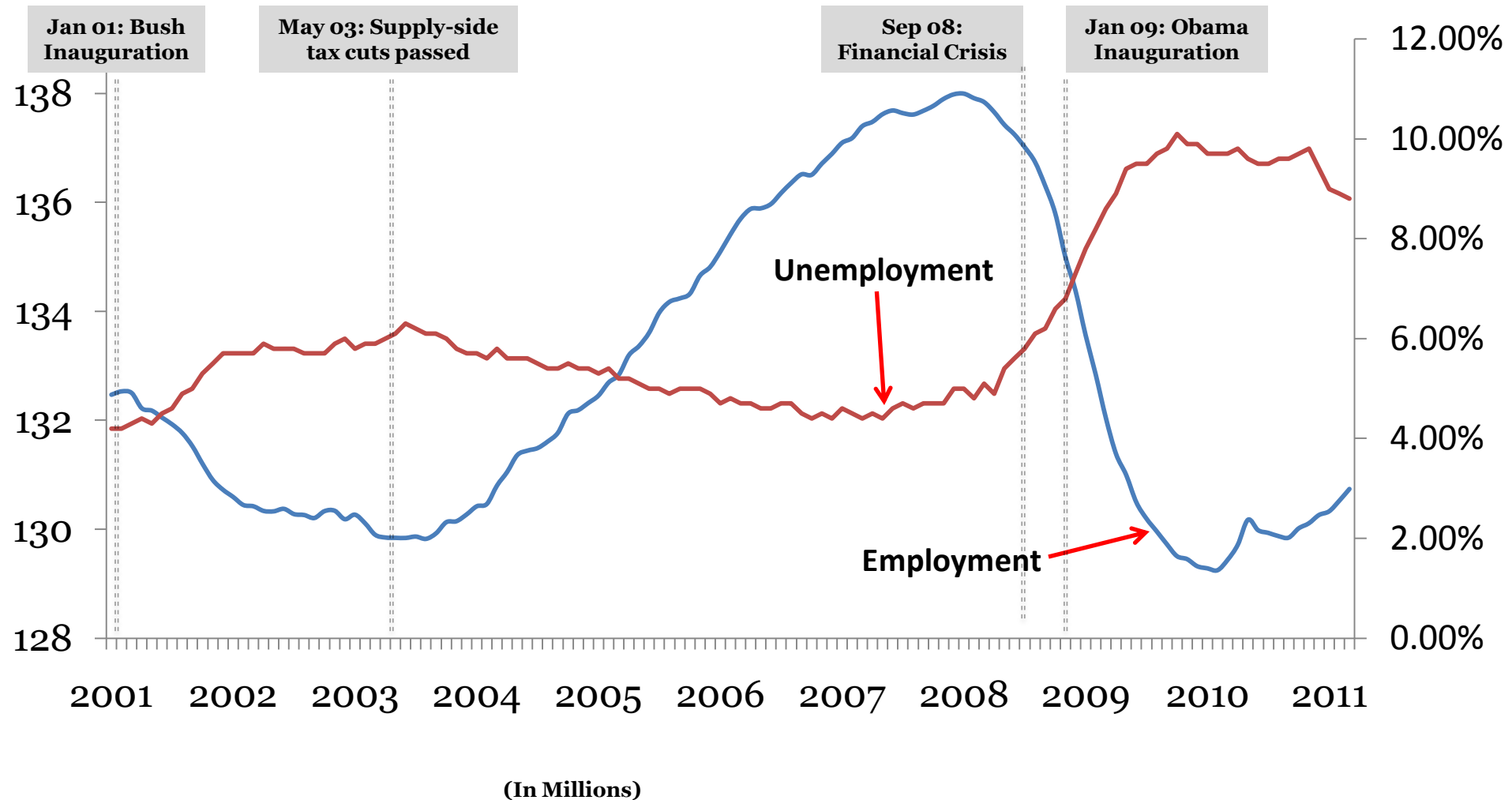
MIDDLE EAST



- Osama bin Laden was living in a million dollar compound which was custom-built in 2005 in Abbottabad in north-west Pakistan.
- United States Government has provided an estimated \$20 billion of assistance to the Government of Pakistan.
- Government of Pakistan may have aided and abetted this most wanted international terrorist.
- Palestinian Authority formation of a unity government comprised of Fatah and Hamas.
- This united front only adds to the overall unrest and instability in the Middle East and is a first step in the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state.

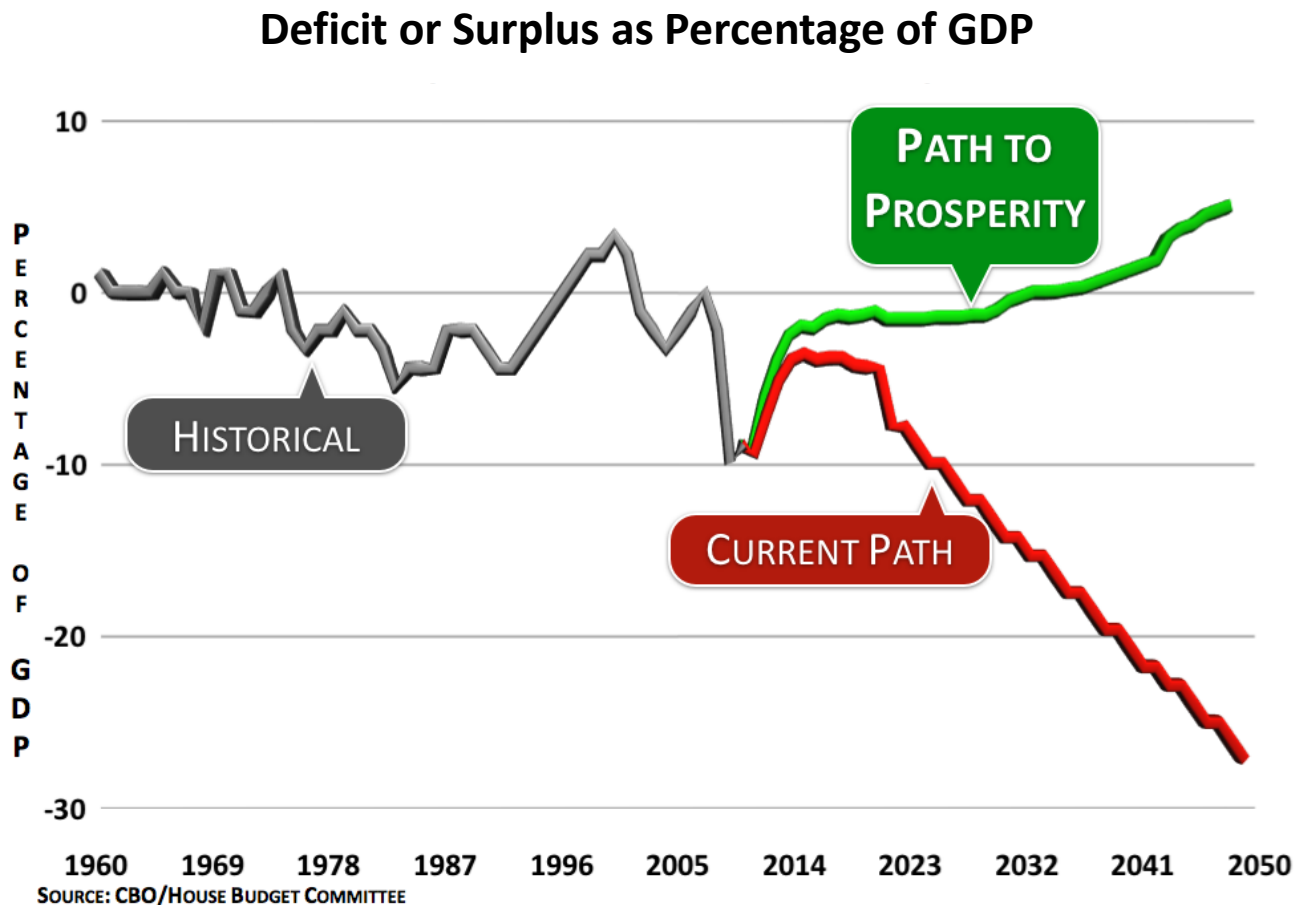
THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

Unemployment at Record Levels



THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

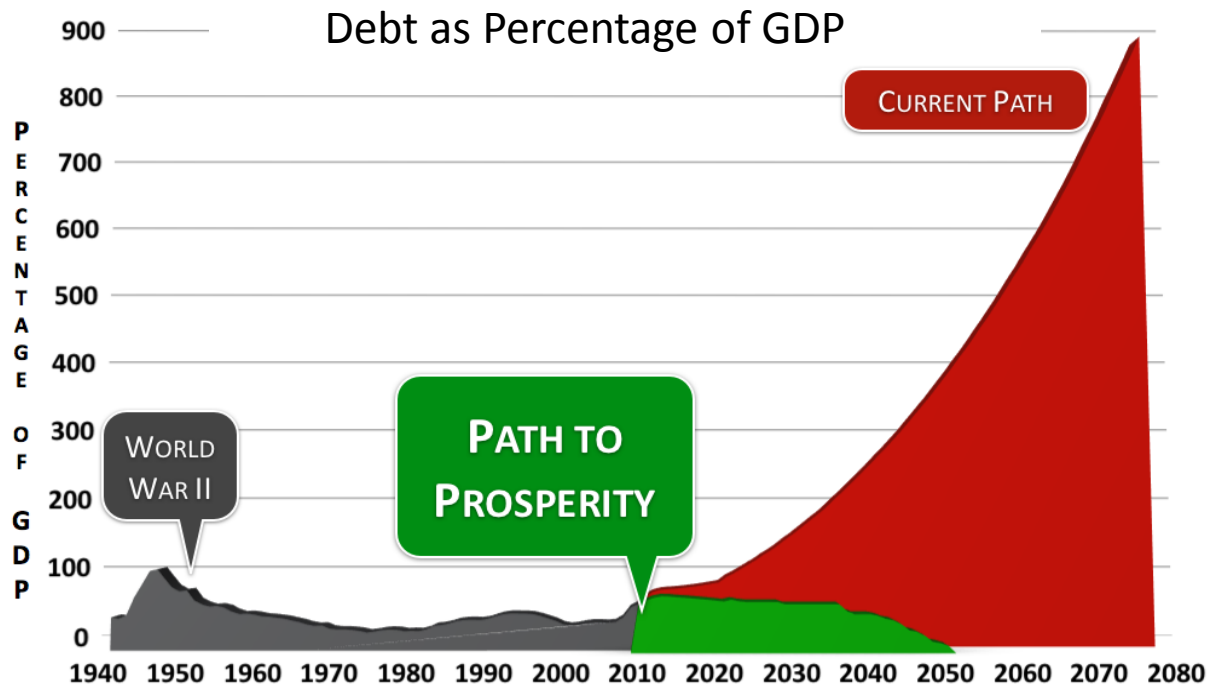
Current Path Dramatically Increases Deficit



THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

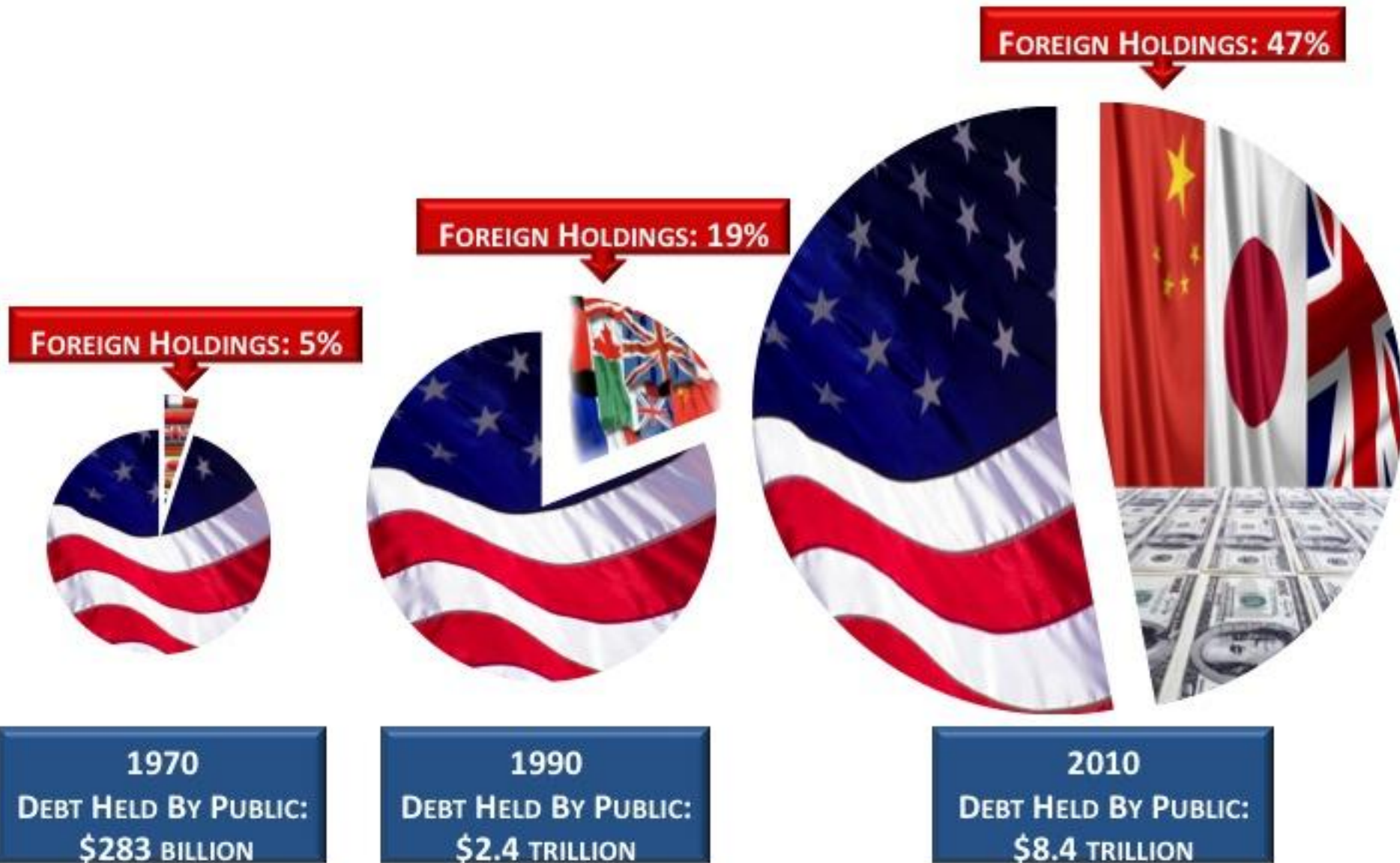
Current Path Would Consume The Entire GDP

A CHOICE OF TWO FUTURES



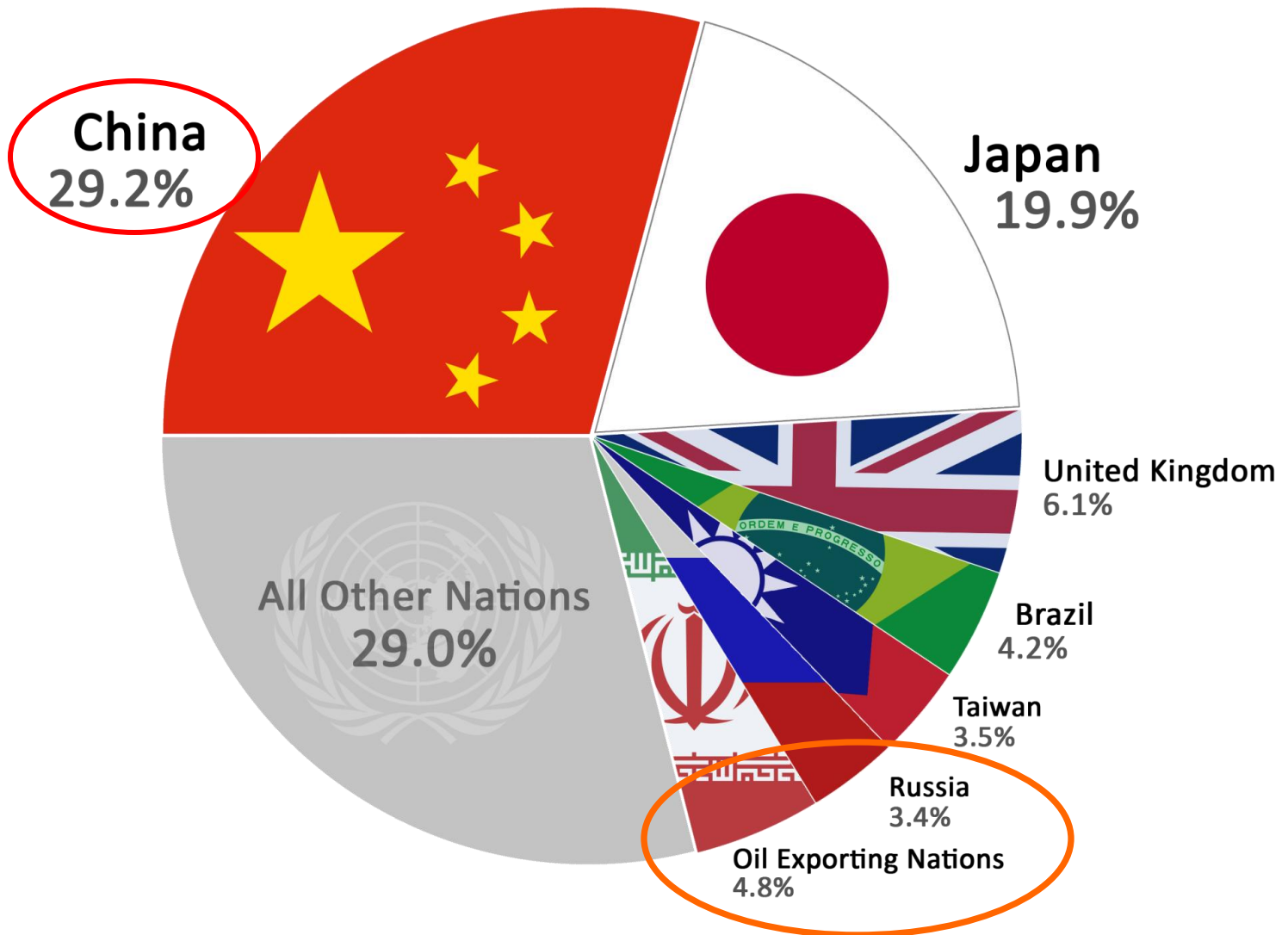
SOURCE: OMB/CBO

INCREASING FOREIGN DEBT



THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

FOREIGN OWNERS OF OUR DEBT



With the interest we pay to China on our debt,
China can afford to buy **3 new Joint Strike Fighters**
every week – with \$50 million/week left over.

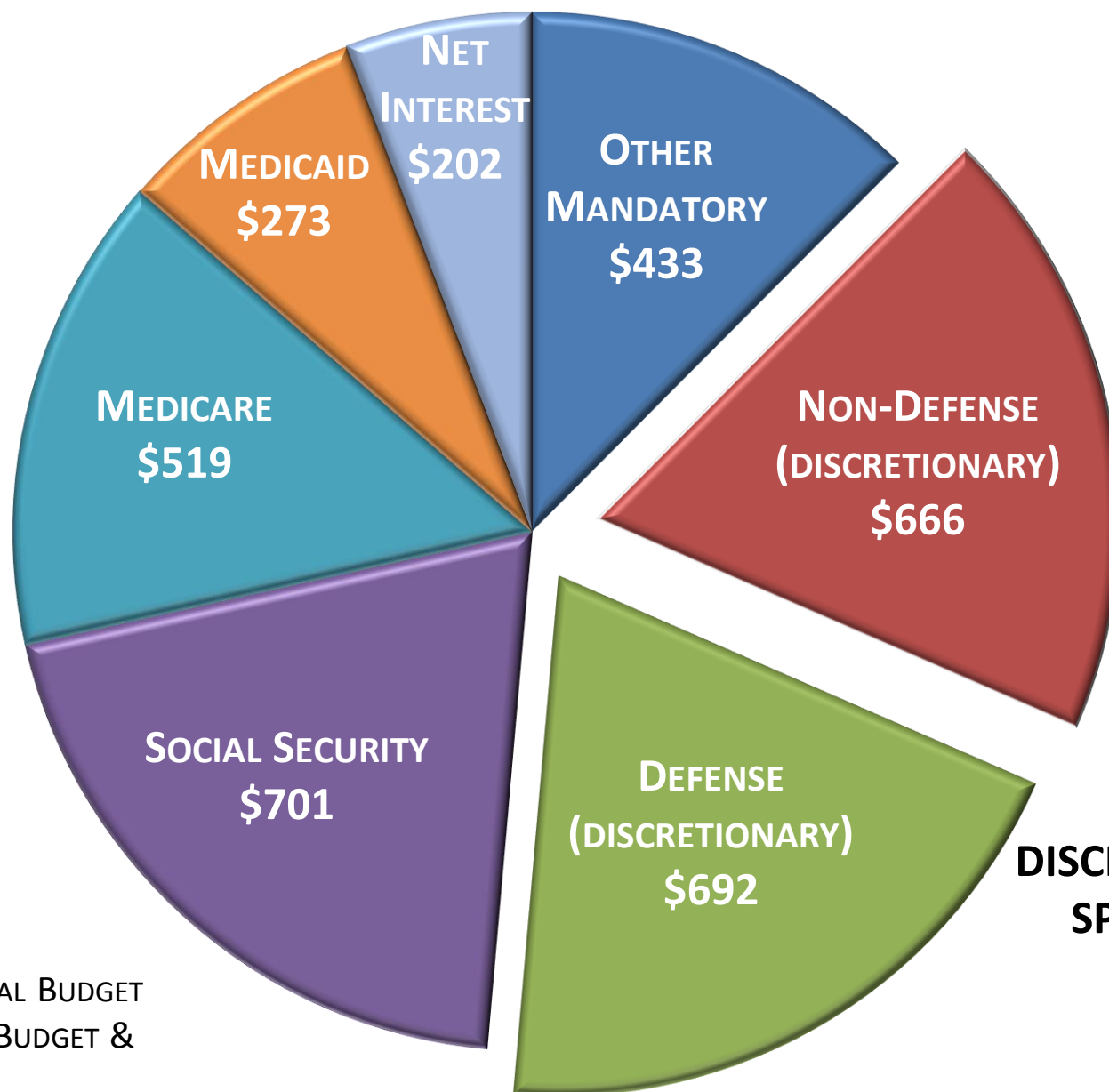


Source: U.S. Department of Treasury,
Government Accountability Office

TOTAL SPENDING IN FY 2010 = \$3.5 TRILLION

(OUTLAYS IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

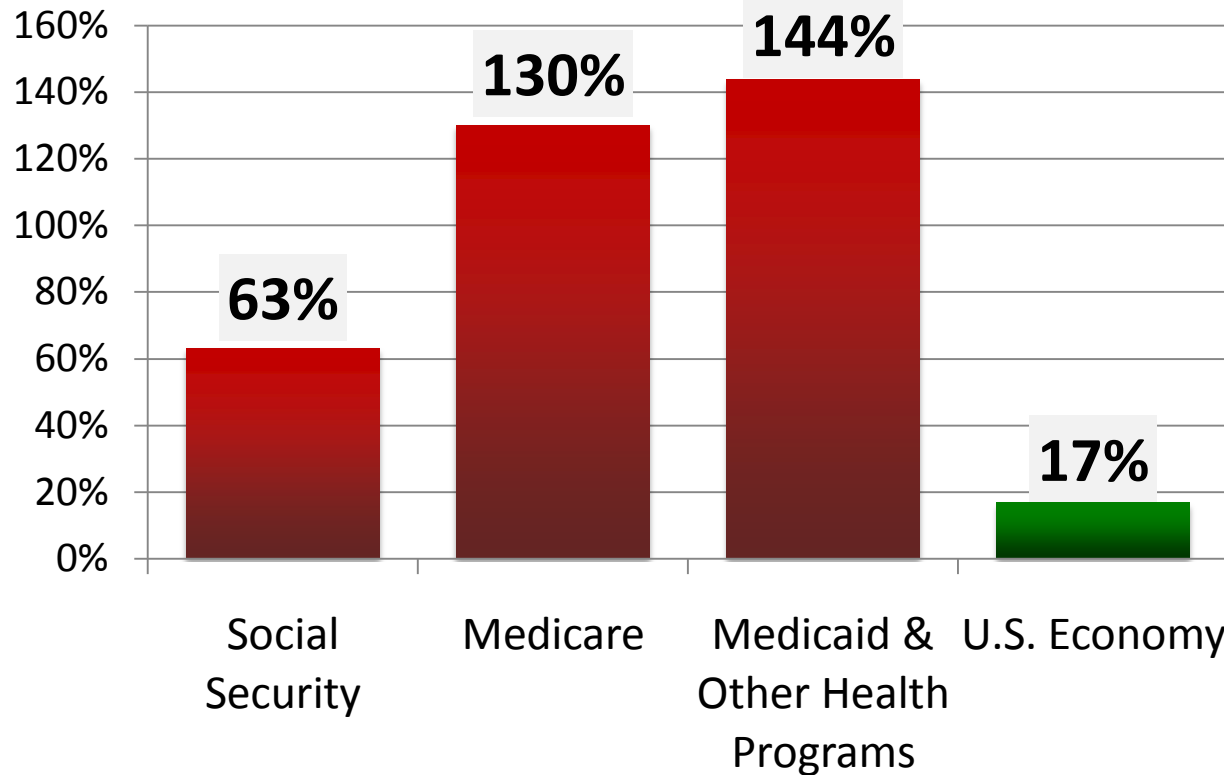
MANDATORY SPENDING



SOURCE: CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET
OFFICE AUGUST 2010 BUDGET &
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

Entitlement Program Growth Outpaces Entire Economy



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis,
Office of Management and Budget

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

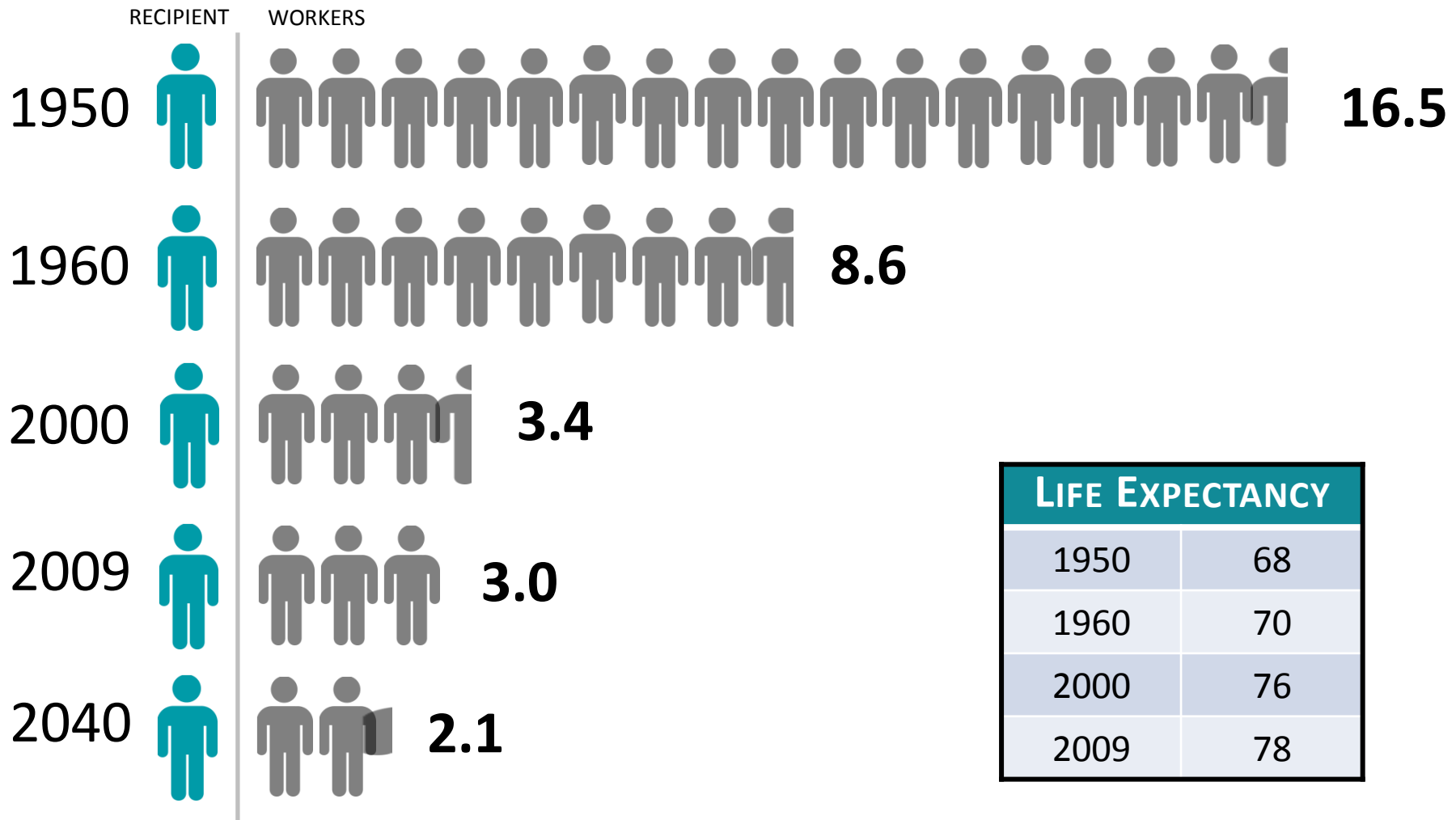
**Why Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid Are
Growing So Fast**

Americans Are Living Longer

**More Seniors Are Receiving Benefits
Than Ever Before**

**Birth Rates Aren't Keeping Pace with
Retirement**

TAXPAYERS SUPPORTING EACH SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENT



Source: Social Security Administration, *The 2010 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees*; Centers for Disease Control, *U.S. Life Tables*

MEDICARE

- Medicare patients are already being denied care. 1 in 3 Doctors limit and 1 in 8 Doctors totally deny.
- Over 10,000 Baby Boomer are retiring every day leaving fewer and fewer workers to support them.
- Americans are living a decade longer than they did in 1965 when Medicare was created.
- Healthcare costs are spiraling increasing at triple the rate of inflation.

THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

Why not tax the rich?

Entire taxable income of everyone earning over \$100,000 is approximately \$1.6 trillion.

Even if **all** these Americans were taxed at **100%**, it wouldn't cover this year's budget – let alone the deficit.

THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

- Balanced budget amendment.
- Cap federal spending at 20% of GDP.
- Lower corporate business tax rates to 20-22%
- Trigger automatic spending cuts when target percentage of debt ceiling is reached.

THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

- Reform entitlement programs but no change in Social Security and Medicare benefits for those over 55.
- Targeted spending cuts for every sector of government.
- Secure the borders, mandatory eVerify.

THE NATIONAL DEBT

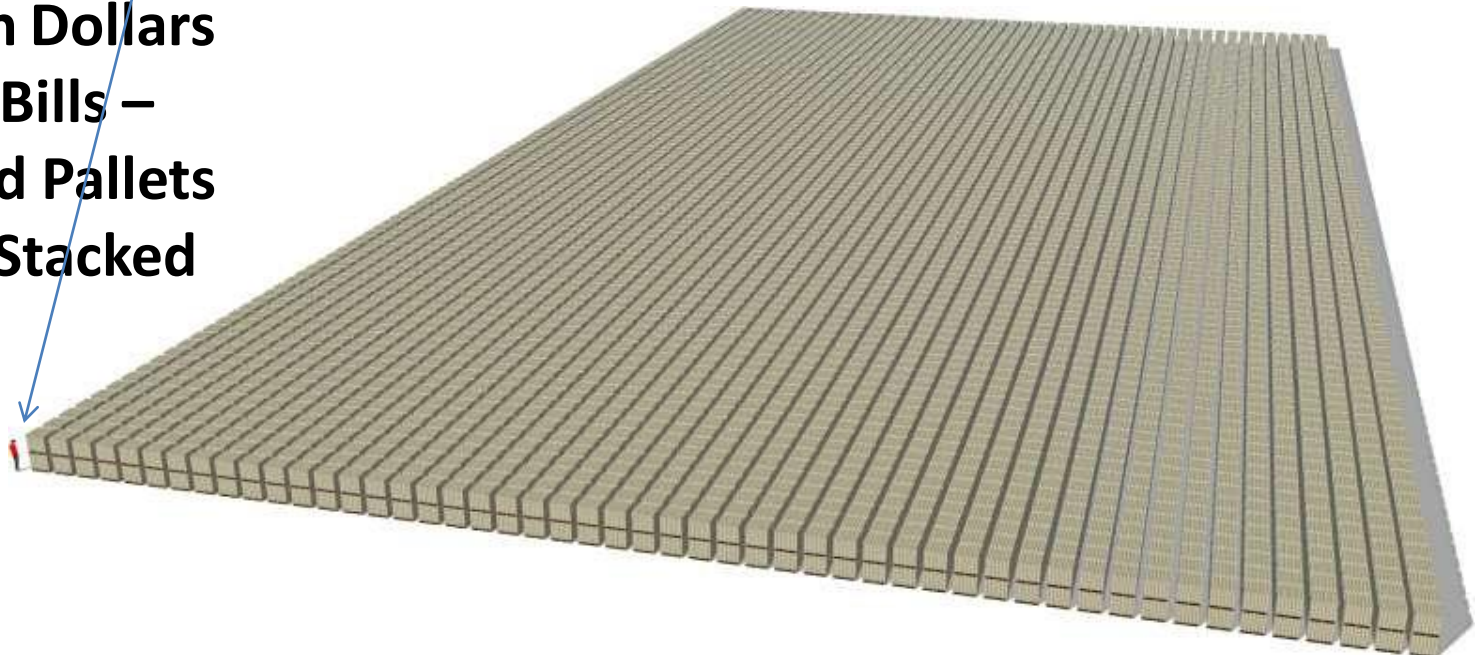
**100 Million
Dollars of
\$100 Bills –
Standard Pallet**



\$14,379,400,000,000



**1 Trillion Dollars
of \$100 Bills –
Standard Pallets
Double Stacked**



DEBT CEILING

“WHY IS IT RIGHT TO INCREASE THIS NATION'S DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN CREDITORS? THEY SHOULD EXPLAIN THIS. MAYBE THEY CAN CONVINCE THE PUBLIC THEY ARE RIGHT. I DOUBT IT, BECAUSE MOST AMERICANS KNOW THAT INCREASING THE DEBT IS THE LAST THING WE SHOULD BE DOING. AFTER ALL, I REPEAT, THE BABY BOOMERS ARE ABOUT TO RETIRE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ANY CREDIBLE ECONOMIST WOULD TELL YOU WE SHOULD BE REDUCING DEBT, NOT INCREASING IT.”

Senator Harry Reid



DEBT CEILING

“THIS IS A RECORD OF UTTER DISREGARD FOR OUR NATION'S FINANCIAL FUTURE. IT IS A RECORD OF INDIFFERENCE TO THE PRICE OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL PAY TO REDEEM OUR DEBT WHEN IT COMES DUE. HISTORY WILL NOT JUDGE THIS RECORD KINDLY. MY VOTE AGAINST THE DEBT LIMIT INCREASE CANNOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE INCURRED THIS DEBT ALREADY, AND WILL NO DOUBT INCUR MORE. IT IS A STATEMENT THAT I REFUSE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLICIES THAT BROUGHT US TO THIS POINT.”

Senator Joseph Biden



DEBT CEILING

“THE FACT THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DEBATE RAISING AMERICA’S DEBT LIMIT IS A SIGN OF LEADERSHIP FAILURE. IT IS A SIGN THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN’T PAY ITS OWN BILLS. IT IS A SIGN THAT WE NOW DEPEND ON ONGOING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO FINANCE OUR GOVERNMENT’S RECKLESS FISCAL POLICIES.”

Senator Barack Obama

